



Frequently Asked Questions

BAA04-31

Q. Who can I talk with about my ideas for this BAA?

A. This BAA is an agency-wide call for ideas. As such, our plan is to route white papers and proposals to individual DARPA offices for their evaluation and further processing. Therefore, there is no one program manager at the present to point you to prior to submitting the white paper or proposal. Please review the DARPA website (www.darpa.mil) to peruse the offices, their missions, their staff, and current programs to determine who may be the right PM to discuss your ideas with.

Q. The BAA shows a deadline for full proposals of 6 Oct. What is the deadline for submission of preliminary white papers?

A. The deadline for submission of white papers for the initial round of source selection is 1600 local time on 28 July 2004.

Q. Is DARPA “fishing” for new ideas to help existing programs in a given office related to Urban Area Operations?

A: No; the intent of the BAA is to solicit novel new ideas related to Urban Area Operations.

Q. Will existing DARPA programs be impacted by this BAA, i.e., are there adverse funding implications to existing (similar) programs because of the BAA?

A. While the exact funding details are yet to be determined, the current plan is to allocate funds to selected new programs.

Q. Is there provision for ideas (white papers) that seem to span across different offices?

A Yes; the intent of the BAA is to solicit novel ideas related to Urban Area Operations.

Q. Can we paste the power point slide into the word document or are you expecting 2 attachments (1 in word or Pdf and 1 in power point)?

A. The power point slide can be pasted into the Word document, as the TFIMS system will only accept one (1) attachment for the white paper submission

Q. If we change the program technical director from Dr. Smith to Dr. Jones prior to submission is it enough to simply change the proposer information already registered or do we have to register the new proposer?

A. You can simply change the proposer information; there is no need to submit a new registration request

Q. The PIP for BAA 04-31 indicates that the funding level for a phase I effort is expected to be in the \$50k to \$400k range. Is the level for subsequent phases (in 12 month intervals) expected to be in the same range?

A. Subsequent phases will involve development of ideas proved worthy during the study phase (phase I), which usually entails a system demo and higher funding levels commensurate for such efforts.